

1431, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and the bill was then passed.

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Commerce/Justice/State/Judiciary Appropriations—Conference Report: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 591), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President.

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ICC Termination Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Pressler, Stevens, Burns, Lott, Hutchison, Ashcroft, Hollings, Inouye, Exon, Rockefeller, and Breaux.

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Flag Desecration—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 31, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, on Friday, December 8, 1995.

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Subsequently, the pending cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution, scheduled for Friday, December 8, 1995, was vitiated.

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Start II Treaty—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of The Treaty with the Russian Federation for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the START II Treaty) (Treaty Doc. No. 103–1).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles N. Clevert, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Bernice B. Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Charles H. Twining, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—596)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:17 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, December 8, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S18251.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PROHIBITION OF RETROACTIVE TAX INCREASES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 94, to prohibit the House of Representatives or the Senate from considering any measure that increases a tax and applies such increase to taxable years beginning before the date of the enactment of the law, receiving testimony from Senators Coverdell and Hutchison; Joseph E. Schmitz, Besozzi, Gavin, Craven, and Schmitz, Nancy L. Mitchell, Citizens for a Sound Economy, Peter Ferrara, Americans For Tax Reform, and Rick Rule, Covington and Burling, all of Washington, D.C.; Wayne Nelson, Winner, South Dakota, on behalf of Communicating for Agriculture, Inc.; and Robert J. Proctor, Southeastern Legal Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Hugh Lawson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Patricia A. Gaughan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, John Thomas Marten, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Tommy Edward Jewel III, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the States Justice Institute;

S. 956, to amend title 28, United States Code, to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1340, to direct the President to appoint a Commission on Concentration in the Livestock Industry to review and report on specified meat packing industry matters, including certain studies, effects of antitrust laws, and prices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SENATE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine information management

issues relative to United States Senate technology, receiving testimony from Christopher Hoenig, Director of Information Management Issues, General Accounting Office; Commander Craig B. Luigart, Program Manager, Information Network Project Office, Department of the Navy; Kimberly Jenkins, Highway 1, Washington, D.C.; William A. Ruh, MITRE Corporation, McLean, Virginia; Ron J. Ponder, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and Carl B. Patch, Mobil Oil, Fairfax, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2736–2751; 2 private bills, H.R. 2752–2753; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 294 were introduced. **Pages H14238–39**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 293, providing for consideration of H.R. 2621, to enforce the public debt limit and to protect the social security trust funds and other Federal trust funds and accounts invested in public debt obligations (H. Rept. 104–388);

H.R. 394, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income, amended (H. Rept. 104–389); and

H.R. 2196, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, amended (H. Rept. 104–390). **Pages H14237–38**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14175**

VA–HUD Appropriations: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 844, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages H14187–H14204**

House recessed from its disagreement to the Senate amendment numbered 63, regarding funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, with an amendment—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H14203–04**

By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 843, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instruction that the House conferees insist on the House position to Senate amendment numbered 4, regarding funding for Veterans Administration's medical care. **Pages H14201–02**

H. Res. 291, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 842. **Pages H14182–87**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of December 11. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H14204–05**

Recess Authority: It was made in order for the Speaker to declare a recess at any time on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel. **Page H14205**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 13. **Page H14205**

Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources: House insisted on its amendments to S. 641, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Coburn, Waxman, and Studds. **Page H14205**

Federal Reporting Requirements: House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendment to